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Applicants: Boyce-Jacino et al.

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR AN EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

SIR or MADAM:

This is a petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time to respond to an Office Action dated July 7, 1999 issued in the application identified above for a period of five (5) months from August 7, 1999 to and including January 7, 2000.

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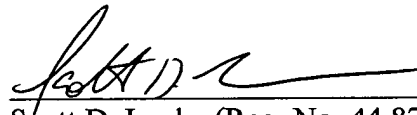
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Applicant of the subject application has previously established its small entity status. Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17, the official fee for a five-month extension of time for an application to which small-entity status applies is estimated to be nine hundred twenty-five dollars (\$925.00). A check in the amount of \$925.00 is submitted with this request in payment for the required official fee. Authorization is hereby given to charge any additional fee to deposit account number 11-0171.

A response to the Restriction Requirement of July 7, 1999 is being submitted with this petition.

Respectfully submitted,



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